

## EMS Leadership Conference Call

October 3, 2013

### **Program Updates**

PEPP Courses and Textbooks (Emily): The new 3<sup>rd</sup> edition PEPP textbooks arrived yesterday. Once instructor materials arrive, a plan will be made for distribution. Instructor materials will not be available in time for the conference, but PEPP class dates will be announced soon.

EMSC Needs Assessment (Emily): Survey completion stands at 78.4%, up 15% from last week. Please encourage all services, both ambulance and first responder, to take the survey.

EMS Special Fund (Jess): By the end of the week, District Chairs will receive an email with the additional guidance about the contracting requirements: Insurance, tax ID and W-9 information will be enclosed.

Protocol Education (Jess): The protocol education is under development and will be posted to the Vermont EMS website and to CentreLearn soon. No protocol education should be taught until these official modules are released.

Conference Registration (Jess): Registration is open until October 16 and registration for individual sessions is now possible. The conference website is [www.vtemsconference.com](http://www.vtemsconference.com). Questions can be referred to Jess. Mike: Vendor space and hotel rooms are still available. Chris: So far, registration is ahead of last year, with 200 individuals already registered.

NEMSIS Data Import (Jenna): Services using third-party software need to begin importing NEMSIS data – the time has come for vendors to get the data moving into SIREN. Issues with Primary disposition and unit values should be resolved within a week.

FieldBridge License Keys (Jenna): License keys will be sent within the next few days. Also, service administrators will be receiving an email about 2-hour webinar training sessions which will begin on October 15.

Ambulance Inspections (Mike): Ambulance inspection tours have now been completed, with only a handful of trucks needing rescheduled appointments. A big thank you goes out to all of the folks who made the inspections possible. Overall, the results were very positive. Ray is collating data about deficits and will be sending a memo out next week to close the loop on outstanding issues and equipment needs.

Annual Service License Renewals (Mike): Service renewals were mailed out on September 6<sup>th</sup> and are due back to the office no later than November 1. Currently staff is analyzing last year's data particular to service workforce configurations. These efforts will help to target recruitment and retention efforts. Also, data about background checks is being collated. As most are aware, Vermont EMS initially does a

VCIC check on an individual when they enter the EMS system, as well as a check every two years when they relicense. We'd like to know what services do for background checks.

Protocols (Chris): Final touches are underway, and the protocols will be released soon.

Question about equipment: Steve Trala noted that both the King, Combitube and LMA are referenced in the protocols. Does a service need to carry all devices or is that type of equipment up to DMA discretion? Chris said that DMAs can restrict, but the hope is that restrictions will be few and far between. However, leeway is built into the protocols for new technology. The intent is to not have every squad carry every drug or device, so options were given.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.